Information regarding number of Dolphin subscribers added as a result of promotion schemes launched during one year

Delhi		Mumbai	
Scheme period	No. of Subscriber	Scheme period	No. of Subscriber
30-08-01 to 22-09-01	10371	23-07-01 to 04-08-01	6614
15-11-01 to 10-12-01	21722	08-10-01 to 31-10-01	15446
08-03-02 to 28-03-02	24743	13-11-01 to 10-12-01	33664
		08-03-02 to 28-03-02	15655
TOTAL	56836		71359

Roaming services for Dolphin subscribers

180. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact the subscribers for Dolphin service are not provided with roaming services, till they opt for STD/ISD service, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the denial of roaming services to Dolphin subscribers without STD places them at a disadvantage *vis-a-vis* the facilities given by private operators; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. A roaming subscriber, when going out of his place of registration, is provided with STD facility on request to enable him to make STD calls.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. In fact, Dolphin roaming charges provide roaming facility at most affordable price *vis-a-vis* other operators.

Cut in manpower in Department of Posts and Telegraph

181. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government's directive to every Ministry/ Department to undertake a two per cent cut in manpower every year has been resisted by the Department of Posts and Telegraph;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to persuade the Department to fall in line with the other Departments in implementing Government's directive in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) The Department of Posts and the Department of Telecommunications have not resisted the directive of the Government for optimization of direct recruitment to civilian posts by restricting overall direct recruitment to one-third of vacancies meant for direct recruitment subject to condition that the total vacancies proposed for filling up should be within the 1% ceiling as conveyed in the Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum No. 2/8/2001-PIC, dated 16/5/2001.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.